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**MANCHESTER MAN RECEIVES 15 MONTH PRISON SENTENCE
FOR ILLEGALLY RE-ENTERING
THE UNITED STATES AFTER BEING DEPORTED**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement Robin Avers, announced that Bernardino Barrientos, age 33, who is a citizen of Mexico and has been living in Manchester, NH, was sentenced to serve 15 months in federal prison by United States District Judge, Steven McAuliffe, for illegally re-entering the United States after having been previously deported.

Barrientos was found by federal agents in Manchester, NH on August 19, 2003. He was indicted by the Grand Jury on September 3, 2003 for violating Title 8, United States Code, Sections 1326(a)(1) & (2), illegally re-entering the United States after having previously been deported, and was convicted on October 1, 2003. Barrientos had been previously deported after he was convicted of assaulting a police officer in Manchester, NH in August 1999.

After the sentencing hearing, U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono said, "This Office continues to work closely with federal investigative agencies to enforce our immigration laws. The security of our borders and the integrity of our immigration policies require continued vigilance."

This case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). The prosecution was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Arnold H. Huftalen.